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'Take Back the Night' slated for Wednesday

By KATY LEWIS
THE PARTHENON

A rally and march against sexual assault and domestic violence, Take Back the Night, will take place Wednesday at the Marshall University Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The rally will take place from noon to 4 p.m. There will be information tables and live music provided by WMUL-FM, Marshall's student radio station.

There will be testimonials, speakers and poetry readings

from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. that will lead up to the march and candle lighting ceremony at the end of the evening.

Take Back the Night is an internationally known event, sponsored by Take Back the Night Foundation, that speaks out against crimes associated with sexual violence. The foundation seeks to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and sexual abuse. The event helps create safe communities and respectful relationships,

according to Take Back the Night's website.

Brittany Shamblin, president of the Women's Studies Student Association, explained that the purpose of this event at Marshall is to spread the word about sexual and domestic violence and empower women to take back the night.

"As students, we should feel safe enough to walk to our cars, take an evening run or walk two blocks to class versus driving," Shamblin said. "We shouldn't live in fear that we could be assaulted at any moment."

Take Back the Night in Huntington is presented by the Women's Studies Student Association, the Women's Center, CONTACT of Huntington and Branches Domestic Violence Shelter.

Marshall's Women's Studies Student Association is an activist organization on campus that discusses and endorses women's issues. The organization believes in the equal treatment of all groups regardless of race, ethnicity, political affiliation, education, gender, sex, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, age and disability.

The Women's Center at Marshall helps to develop women into independent, confident and healthy individuals. Located in Prichard Hall on the first floor, the center provides information, educational programming, training, referrals, victim advocacy and services to facilitate education on issues related to feminism,

women, men and gender, according Marshall's website.

CONTACT of Huntington is a 24-hour Rape Crisis Center that serves Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason counties. The center provides advocacy for victims of sexual assault and stalking. The center also offers a 24-hour hotline where individuals can seek help concerning crisis intervention, trauma, and questions about the criminal justice process.

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Marshall's Van Kirk to be featured in Visiting Writers Series

By JUSTIN DePAMPHILIS
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University professor will be the feature Thursday for the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series.

John Van Kirk, a fiction writer and a professor of English at Marshall, will be featured at the next reading in the Visiting Writers Series.

"It feels good to be a part of this series, since it was named after my very good friend A.E. Stringer," Van Kirk said. "I'm delighted to be a part of it."

Van Kirk will be reading from his debut novel, "Song for Chance," which has been described by Publishers Weekly as "a passionate tale about the excesses of sex, drugs and rock and roll over a tortured musician's lifetime."

"It's a book about a lot of things," Van Kirk said. "It's pretty much about music and practice. Ultimately it comes over with practice over performance. It's really abstract since it's about an ex-rock star who is now pushing 60, planning small clubs and looking at a different life"

Van Kirk joined the U.S. Navy in January 1980 and graduated from flight school as a naval aviator. He served for three years in the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 7, based in Jacksonville, Fla. In 1989, he joined the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Maryland.

Since 1993, he has been a part of the Marshall faculty, where he has balanced a dual career as a writer and teacher. He has won awards for his work, including the O. Henry Award and the Fiction Prize at the Iowa Review. His work has appeared in numerous publications including the New York Times Magazine and the Hudson Review.

The reading will take place at 8 p.m. in Smith Hall, Room 154, with a book signing immediately afterward.

The Visiting Writers Series receives support from the College of Liberal Arts and the Honors College at Marshall.

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Hillbilly Hot Dogs whips out 'The Widow Maker'



PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON
Hillbilly Hot Dogs owners Sharie and Sonny Knight flank employee John Boggs in presenting "The Widow Maker" Monday at the Huntington location.

Two-foot monster debuts as the longest hotdog on any menu

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Syrian rebels in Lebanon brace for government offensive

By MITCHELL PROTHERO
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Syrian rebels and their Lebanese allies currently in command of a crucial corridor that links rebel havens in Lebanon with the embattled Syrian capital of Damascus are preparing for a massive government offensive aimed at bringing the strategic area back under government control.

Rebels and activists in the Lebanese border town of Aarsal say they expect the offensive to attempt to cut off sympathetic areas in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley from rebel-controlled villages just across the border in Syria.

The enclave that has sprung up on both sides of the border near the Jebel Qalamoun mountain peak represents the largest rebel haven near Damascus, the ultimate goal of the insurgents. Its population is swollen by Syrian refugees and fighters who fled the government offensive earlier this year that retook the cities of Qusayr and Homs. Now tens of thousands of rebel fighters are preparing to make a final stand to keep Aarsal from being cut off from the Syrian battlefield.

"We will fight to the last man," said Abu Omar Hujieri, a Lebanese activist and fighter who has ties to most of the rebel factions in the area. With Qusayr and Homs essentially back under the control of the government of President Bashar Assad, a government success in seizing the Jebel Qalamoun region would finish the rebel presence here.

Almost from the beginning of the anti-Assad uprising 30 months ago, Aarsal has been a crucial logistics hub and haven for Syrian rebels, who found the mostly Sunni Muslim

population, with its strong family and political ties to Syrian Muslims, ready to openly assist.

"This is our war just like theirs," Abu Omar explained of the Lebanese involvement. "They are our family, our neighbors and our friends. All the people of Aarsal are with the rebellion."

With about 30,000 refugees joining the 40,000 people who already lived here, the two communities appear to be acting as one even as the rest of Lebanon struggles to absorb, politically and economically, more than a million refugees from both sides of the conflict. Signs of rebel sympathy abound, and the town has made housing available to tens of thousands in Aarsal and the surrounding villages.

The situation is alarming to Hezbollah, the Shiite Muslim group that's Lebanon's most powerful political organization and a staunch ally of Assad's. Hezbollah officials say the tens of thousands of rebel fighters in Aarsal and on the Syrian side of the border nearby leave Lebanon vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

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Teacher killed as he tried to intervene in Nevada school shooting

By MELANIE MASON and ARI BLOOMEKATZ LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Family members of a teacher shot and killed by a student at Sparks Middle School said Monday it did not surprise them that he had tried to stop the attack.

"It doesn't surprise anybody that that's what Michael would do," said Chanda Landsberry, referring to her brother-in-law Michael Landsberry, who taught eighth-grade math at the school.

"It doesn't feel real," Landsberry said of her brother-in-law's death.

"It's totally surreal to have it happen."

According to police and witnesses, a student at the school — wearing khakis, part of the Sparks Middle School uniform — opened fire shortly after 7 a.m., leaving Michael Landsberry dead and two students wounded. The shooter, who has not been identified, apparently then took his own life, police said.

Sparks police Sgt. Greta Woyciehowsky said the first 911 calls came about 7:15 a.m., about 15 minutes before classes began. The middle school is bustling at that time, she said, with parents dropping off children and

buses unloading students as everyone crowds through the school's lone entrance and exit for students.

The school is one of three middle schools in the Sparks Police Department's jurisdiction, Woyciehowsky said. A fourth middle school is under the jurisdiction of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department, she said. Sparks, about four miles east of Reno, has about 90,000 residents.

The scene Monday morning was chaotic as emergency crews responded.

Elizabeth Alvarez, 33, lives in an apartment nearby and said about

7:15 a.m. she "heard a lot of sirens and the streets were full of police."

Watching the news 25 minutes later, she heard early reports of what had happened and that middle school students had been evacuated to Agnes Risley Elementary School nearby. She went there to pick up her 13-year-old nephew, Juan Basurto, an eighth-grader who was walking to school at the time of the shooting.

She found him in the cafeteria, along with other middle school students. Alvarez said the children were not crying but were scared, including her nephew.

"He was frightened," Alvarez said, speaking in Spanish. "He said a boy had shot a teacher and two other kids."

Alvarez dropped off her nephew at his home, then returned to her apartment where her two daughters, a fifth-grader and first-grader, were because school had been canceled following the shooting.

She said she witnessed parents running down the street in front of the middle school, because police had blocked off access to vehicles.

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France calls reported NSA spying on its citizens 'unacceptable'

By HENRY CHU LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

France reacted angrily Monday to a news report of mass electronic surveillance of its residents by the U.S. National Security Agency, summoning the American ambassador to explain what it called unacceptable treatment by a close ally.

Based on documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, Le Monde reported that the agency's intelligence dragnet collected 70.3 million pieces of data on French phone communications in a single month beginning in December of last year. Calls to some telephone numbers triggered recordings of conversations, and text messages containing certain keywords were also automatically picked up, the French newspaper reported.

Le Monde said it appeared that the NSA collected data on "both people suspected of association with terrorist activities as well as people targeted simply because they belong to the worlds of business, politics or French state administration."

The new revelations of American electronic spying on a gigantic scale were published just hours before U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Paris on a European tour to discuss the situation in Syria and the Middle East.

Le Monde's story also came on the heels of an embarrassing report that the NSA had tapped into an email server used by former Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his Cabinet. Other countries revealed in leaked documents leaked by Snowden as targets of U.S. espionage include Germany and Brazil, whose leader, President Dilma Rousseff, was so incensed that last month she abruptly canceled a planned visit to Washington.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said that he had summoned U.S. Ambassador Charles H. Rivkin for an explanation.

"This kind of practice between partners that undermines privacy is totally unacceptable," Fabius told reporters at a gathering of European Union foreign ministers in Luxembourg. "We have to make sure that it no longer takes place."

Le Monde's report said between Dec. 10, 2012, and Jan. 8, 2013, the NSA averaged more than 3 million data intercepts a day of French residents' telephone communications. The article did not identify any specific targets.

Earlier this year, Le Monde alleged that France's own intelligence authorities had developed the country's own massive electronic surveillance system, with the ability to monitor communications within France and between users in France and other countries. The French government has disputed that report.

Officials reserved special outrage Monday for the idea that a friendly nation such as the U.S. would put France on its target list.

Obama: 'No excuse' for website foul-ups

By ANITA KUMAR and TONY PUGH MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

President Barack Obama said Monday that he was angry and frustrated with the failures of the federal government's new health care website and he vowed to solve them as soon as possible.

Obama said a team of America's top private-sector tech experts was working around the clock to fix Healthcare.gov, though he and his staff declined to name the companies that are involved or to provide a deadline.

"There's no sugarcoating it," the president said at a Rose Garden event with supporters of the health care overhaul. "It's fair to say that nobody is more frustrated by that than I am. There's no excuse for the problems, and these problems are getting fixed."

Obama, in his first extensive remarks since the botched Oct. 1 rollout of the insurance marketplace, said the law that aims to provide more comprehensive, affordable health coverage remained a success and that any problems stemmed from interest that exceeded expectations. Nearly 20 million people have visited the website, and more than half a million have successfully submitted applications.

"The product is good," the president said. "The health insurance that's being provided is good. It's high quality and it's affordable."

The federal marketplace was supposed to provide a one-stop site for users in 36 states to browse, compare and enroll in qualified health plans. But numerous software problems overwhelmed the site shortly after the enrollment period for 2014 coverage began. Some improvements have been made, but delays and malfunctions continue.

A new Washington Post-ABC poll released Monday found that 56 percent of Americans say the website problems are part of a broader



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U.S. President Barack Obama walks to the Rose Garden with business owner Janice Baker as he speaks about the Affordable Care Act at the White House, Monday. Baker was the first in her state to enroll in the healthcare exchange.

problem with the law's implementation, while just 40 percent see them as an isolated incident. Recent polls generally find that more people oppose the law than support it.

Consumers have until March 31 to sign up for coverage. The administration doesn't expect to extend the deadline, but it appeared to open the door Monday to the possibility that those who were trying to purchase insurance and had problems with the website might be exempted from the law's penalty for remaining uninsured.

Under current rules, people who buy marketplace coverage after Feb. 15 could be subject to fines under the individual mandate — which requires most Americans to have insurance or pay a penalty — because their enrollment may not begin in time to meet the deadline. The administration is considering new rules that

would allow marketplace coverage purchased after Feb. 15 to be eligible under the mandate.

"The law is clear that if you do not have access to affordable health insurance, you will not be forced to pay a penalty," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Republicans' insistence that the health care makeover be delayed or defunded led to the partial shutdown of the federal government, but the bill that reopened the government last week after 16 days included no substantive changes to the program.

"The taxpayers have already shelled out hundreds of millions of dollars to build the original website," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said after Obama spoke. "How much more money is President Obama going to demand?"

The president's Rose Garden appearance seemed at times like a

campaign rally. More than 100 supporters were seated in the audience, applauding regularly as he spent the bulk of his 25-minute speech touting some of the benefits of the law: free preventative care, cheaper medicine for seniors, and insurance for those who have pre-existing medical conditions.

"Let me remind everybody that the Affordable Care Act is not just a website," he said. "It's much more."

Republicans were critical. "If the president is frustrated by the mounting failures of his health care law, it wasn't apparent today," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. "Americans are looking for accountability, but what the president offered today was little more than self-congratulation."

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New Jersey Gov. Christie drops same-sex marriage court appeal

By ALANA SEMUELS LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Gov. Chris Christie said Monday that he has dropped his court appeal to legalized same-sex marriage, effectively making New Jersey the 14th state in the nation that allows same-sex weddings.

Until Monday, civil unions were legal in New Jersey, but not marriages. But a Superior Court judge had ruled last month that in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act, couples in civil unions were not treated equally under the law. She ordered the state to allow marriages for gay couples beginning Oct. 21.

Christie, whose values are conservative, appealed the ruling to the state's Supreme Court. He also asked that marriages not be allowed to begin during the appeal process.

But on Friday, in a 7-0 decision, the state Supreme Court said same-sex couples could marry on Oct. 21, even though it would still hear Christie's appeal. The court ruled that same-sex couples were being deprived of "the

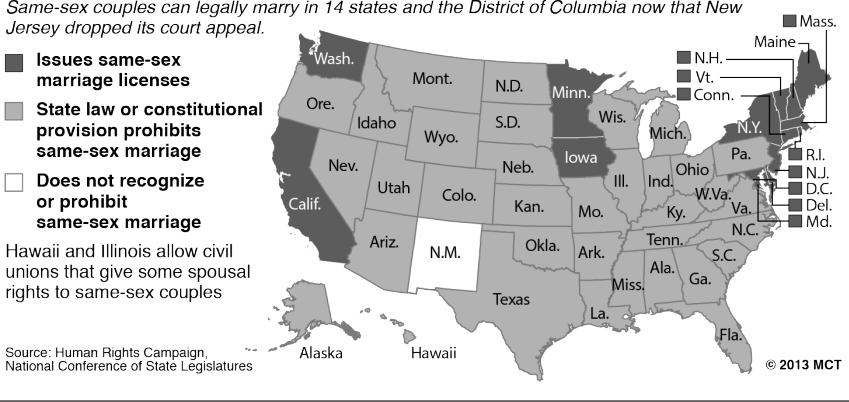
full rights and benefits the state constitution guarantees," suggesting that Christie would lose his appeal.

That seems to have been decision enough for Christie. On Monday morning he announced that he had advised New Jersey Acting Attorney General John Hoffman to withdraw the state's appeal in the case, Garden State Equality vs. Paula Dow.

"Although the Governor strongly disagrees with the Court substituting its judgment for the constitutional process of the elected branches or a vote of the people, the Court has now spoken clearly as to their view of the New Jersey Constitution, and, therefore, same-sex marriage is the law," Christie's office said in a statement. "The Governor will do his constitutional duty and ensure his Administration enforces the law as dictated by the New Jersey Supreme Court."

The news added to an already festive mood in New Jersey, where gay couples started marrying at 12:01 a.m., with Senator-elect Cory Booker officiating at some of the weddings.

Where same-sex marriage is legal



LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT 2013)

U.S. map shows same-sex marriage laws by state. Same-sex couples can now legally marry in 14 states and the District of Columbia now that New Jersey has dropped its court appeal.

The pace of states legalizing gay marriage has accelerated in the past year; after three states voted to permit same-sex marriage in last year's elections. Since then, the Rhode Island legislature voted to allow same-sex marriages and the Delaware legislature voted to adopt a law to convert civil unions into marriages.

The Supreme Court's decision in June striking down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act has helped gay-rights advocates in states such as New Jersey overturn bans on gay marriage through courts as well. A federal judge will hear arguments challenging Michigan's ban on gay marriage early next year.

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Byous-McConnell making most of senior season



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Senior outside hitter Sacha Byous-McConnell jumps up for a spike against ETSU Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the Cam Henderson Center.

By **KARLYN TIMKO**
THE PARTHENON

Throughout her four years on the Marshall University volleyball team, Sacha Byous-McConnell has been a stand-out player for more reasons than her 6-foot-2 stature.

After her team's most recent straight-set win at University of Alabama at Birmingham this past weekend, the exercise science and psychology major from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., returned to Huntington ranked second in the Conference USA with a .382 killing percentage.

Relishing in her most recent accomplishments, Byous-McConnell said she couldn't be happier with her team's efforts.

"I am so proud of how hard we were able to fight for that win," Byous-McConnell said. "It proves that we can do it as long as we work hard, focus and stick to the game plan Coach [Mitch Jacobs] gives us."

This season, Byous-McConnell and her team are finding that hard work pays off. It's performance last weekend put them on a three-match winning streak, improving its record from 6-2 in conference play and 12-11 overall.

Byous-McConnell said along with the success of the team, her personal

achievements play a huge role in her motivation to keep progressing.

"This year has been everything I could've hoped for," Byous-McConnell said. "As a senior I want to be able to leave everything on the court and really be a leader. My hitting percentage is just reflecting all the hard work I've put in over the years."

Since her freshman year, Byous-McConnell has been able to grow in many ways (other than vertically). In her first collegiate season, Byous-McConnell recorded 103 kills at the middle-blocker position. This season alone, she has nearly doubled that number, tallying 204 kills on the year.

Aside of her improvements in numbers, the exercise science and psychology double-major said she has developed significantly from a mental aspect.

"The secret to my success is to never get frustrated," Byous-McConnell said. "Before if I would get blocked or make a mistake, I would dwell on it which would diminish my performance. Now I'm able to shake it off instantly and only worry about the next point."

When you and your team are on a hot streak, it should be easy to stay encouraged and ready for what lies ahead.

Byous-McConnell said looking down the road, she is most eager for their face off in Morgantown against West Virginia University Oct. 29.

"It's always fun to play a rival," Byous-McConnell said. "Last spring we had a lot of injuries and weren't able to pull out the win. This time everyone is healthy, so it should be an intense match. Plus, it's the last time us seniors will ever play them so we are going to give it our all."

As one of three seniors, alongside of Laura Der, Clarksville, Ind., and Dorothy Rahal, Vince, Fla., Byous-McConnell will look to finish her final season with the Herd on a positive note.

Looking at the big picture, Byous-McConnell has her eyes set on the conference tournament.

"Last year we made the tournament and didn't get as far as we hoped," Byous-McConnell said. "This year we want to go all the way. I want to leave my mark on this program and never be forgotten."

Byous-McConnell and her teammates will look to carry their current momentum into their next match when they take on Charlotte Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

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Second half of season promising for the Herd

By **WILL VANCE**
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The first half of the Thundering Herd's season has seen highs and lows, from blowout victories to agonizingly close losses.

Though the team is 4-2, many fans think that the team could very well be undefeated at this point in the season. Undoubtedly so does the team.

Against Ohio the Herd shot itself in the foot early and was unable to recover and against Virginia Tech the Hokies were able to grind out just a bit harder than the Herd in triple-overtime.

From this point in the season, however, the Herd is poised to run the table the rest of the season and have a shot at the Conference USA championship that has so far eluded Marshall since joining the conference in 2005.

That doesn't mean there are still not major hurdles to jump.

Thursday at Middle Tennessee is the first of those. The Blue Raiders are the best of the new teams in the conference this season and are better than their 3-4 record implies. The team is No. 2 in the country in takeaways with 20 through seven games, including 19 interceptions. The Herd will also be coming to town during the Blue Raiders annual black-out game, adding an increased atmosphere to the mix. If the Herd can improve off of a shaky performance at Florida Atlantic University, it should leave Murfreesboro with its third conference win.

Before the season began, many circled the game at Tulsa Nov. 11 as key to the Herd's season. After all, the reigning C-USA champions handed the Herd a 45-38 homecoming loss last season that was not as close as the score implied.

Now the Golden Hurricane is 2-4. Though two of the losses came to Big 12 opponents Oklahoma and Iowa State, the other two came

against Bowling Green in a blowout and an overtime loss to Rice.

Tulsa is not the team it was last season and its game against Marshall will not be quite the matchup it looked like before the season, though of course the reigning conference champions cannot be taken lightly.

Mercifully, the Herd's last major challenge in the second half of the season will be at home against the East Carolina Pirates. The Pirates are the only major challenge to the Herd in the C-USA East Division and the Nov. 29 battle could very well be for a spot in the championship game.

The Pirates are 5-2 on the season, including a big win over ACC opponent North Carolina and, much like the Herd, a hard-fought loss to Virginia Tech, 15-10. They also feature quarterback Shane Carden, who has thrown for 2,325 yards and 16 touchdowns already this season.

The Pirates and the Herd have played the last week of the season the past two seasons. Both games went into overtime and both were won by the home team.

The three remaining teams left on the Herd's schedule (Florida International University, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Southern Miss) are a combined 3-15 this season. Southern Miss, the 2011 C-USA champs, are 0-6 and now have an 18 game losing streak dating back to the beginning of last season. UAB beat the Herd last season, but the game is in Huntington this season and the Herd has played very well at home this season.

Players and coaches have said throughout the season a C-USA championship is their number one goal, and if the team shows the same effort and intensity that it has so far this season in the second half, that goal is within reach.

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Marshall Football 2013 Remaining Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 24	@	MTSU
Saturday, Nov. 2	vs.	So. Miss
Saturday, Nov. 9	vs.	UAB
Thursday, Nov. 14	@	Tulsa
Saturday, Nov. 23	@	FIU
Friday, Nov. 29	vs.	East Carolina

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Sophomore Logan Lagodich watches a putt across the green.

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Marshall's senior Brian Anania and sophomore Logan Lagodich both shot career bests to put the Thundering Herd three strokes away from first on Monday at the ODU/OBX Intercollegiate.

"We really played well today," coach Matt Grobe said. "Logan [Lagodich] and Brian [Anania] played great. We will be in the final grouping tomorrow, and it should be an exciting final round."

The Herd broke the tie and sit in third alone after a 2-over-par 570 two-round score, with fourth-place VCU two strokes behind. Hartford (-1, 567) and Elon (+1, 569) hold first and second place, respectively.

Lagodich improved his

second round by one, shooting a career-tying 68 Sunday and career-low 67 Monday to keep a two-stroke lead heading into the final round of competition at Kilmaric Golf Course. West Virginia native Anania improved his Round 2 score by five with a 4-under 67 that bumped him from a tie for 14th to a tie for fourth.

The two have improved in each tournament this fall. Lagodich ended the 2013 spring season with a 72 best. The Herd's second-year veteran improved to a career-best 69 at the John Piper Intercollegiate, which helped Marshall to its first tournament win in 13 years. Nearly three weeks

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EDITORIAL

Students should be wary of online dating in college

College is an exciting time in a young person's life. It's a chance to move away from home, start fresh and have all new experiences. One of those experiences is meeting new people. Traditionally, you meet these people through your classes and by getting involved on campus. However, there's a growing trend of using online dating websites to make these connections, and that's not necessarily a good thing.

Sure, online dating is becoming more acceptable. Ten years ago it was taboo for couples to say they met online. Today, stories like that are much more common. According to a Pew Internet and

American Life study released Monday, 59 percent of Internet users said online dating is a great way to meet people.

However, it's this mentality that's led to the creation of online dating websites geared toward college students. Websites such as [Datemy school.com](#) advertises itself as a safe and private way to meet undergraduate and graduate students or alumni, but as with any social media website there are risks involved with creating an account. You never know who is going to have access to your profile and your information.

Beyond that, the same Pew study showed that 54 percent of users of online dating websites said they found someone

who "seriously misrepresented themselves" in his or her profile. It's unnerving to think of who you could actually be communicating with, as opposed to what his or her profile suggests.

Issues such as these, however, shouldn't be of concern to college students. College campuses offer a variety of organizations and events to take part in that don't require a website account or a rundown of your best qualities. Also, dating websites were originally geared toward finding a permanent mate, but for young adults this really shouldn't be a concern.

There are far more important goals to consider during the college years.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

Which new movie release are you most excited for?

"12 Years A Slave"
"Carrie"
"The Fifth Estate"

Do you think Congress will resolve the government shutdown by Oct. 17?

Yes, they will be able to. 3%
No, the shutdown will continue. 29%
It's too difficult to tell. 29%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at [www.marshallparthenon.com](#) or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Concussion issue in football finally being taken seriously

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM (MCT)

The future was looking bright for a young University of Houston quarterback. He had chalked up an impressive record on the football field with 41 touchdown passes and a total of 6,039 offensive yards in 20 career starts.

Unfortunately, along with putting up outstanding numbers with his pass completions, David Piland suffered a number of concussions, the last one in a Sept. 7 game.

Last week, the university announced that Piland's career is over because of those head injuries. His coach emphasized that "our medical staff knows for his future and well-being he can no longer play."

That news came the same week PBS aired a two-hour Frontline documentary on the dangers of concussions in the National Football League. The documentary said the league has known for years that head injuries in the sport were contributing to brain disease, but consistently denied a connection. Thus the title of the documentary, "League of Denial."

Frontline also alleged that the NFL, in protecting its own multibillion-dollar brand, misled players, enlisted or bullied doctors to discount scientific evidence of a brain disease called chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) and continued to put off thousands of ex-players who said football had led to their debilitating brain damage and mental health problems.

On Aug. 29, the league and representatives of the 4,500 former players who sued it announced a \$765 million settlement of the lawsuit. The agreement contains no admission of liability by the NFL.

But the NFL now knows the issue of concussions and their consequences cannot be ignored and that the settlement of a lawsuit will not make it go away.

Head injury concerns are now part of the public conscience, not just for professional football but for college, high school and all the way down to the Pop Warner programs that include kids as young as five. Over the

past few years, at all levels of play, rules have been changed to lessen head injuries, and new administrative policies, outlining what happens to a player who suffers a concussion during practice or a game, have been implemented.

Unlike in the not-too-distant past when a woozy player was told, "Shake it off and get back in there," the NFL has a protocol for deciding when a player has suffered a concussion and determining at what point he can be allowed to play again. In addition, the league has instituted prohibitions against certain hits to the neck and head and has outlined stronger penalties (including suspensions) for violators.

The University Interscholastic League, which governs Texas high school athletics, has devised new training programs for coaches and players about proper hitting techniques and limits full contact in practice to 90 minutes a week. The UIL also worked with the Texas Legislature on a law passed in 2011 requiring all school districts and charter schools to have a Concussion Oversight Team that includes at least one licensed physician and no coaches or school officials. That law also requires that when a student is suspected of suffering a concussion, he must be evaluated by a treating physician of the athlete's or his parents' choosing.

Students suffering concussions must be removed from competition immediately and cannot return to practice or a game until he or she has been evaluated and cleared in writing by the treating physician.

Some are afraid of how this will affect the game. The game, to which many are so fully devoted, will be around for a long time. That means even though progress has been made in addressing one important category of athletic injuries, we can't stop there. More studies still need to be done, and those who govern the sport at all levels must be willing to adopt additional meaningful changes to protect those who play.



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COLUMN

Methods for communication matter

By TOMMY D. G. FERRELL
COLUMNIST

An important lesson found me this past May. The summer session in which I was taking an ethnic literatures course was about halfway over when an acquaintance who was living near me in Twin Towers West approached me and asked if I was aware that 7 million Turkish citizens had been killed by police response to protests in Istanbul's Taksim Gezi Park.

For a frame of reference, it is estimated that 6 million Jewish persons were victims of genocide during the Holocaust.

I was baffled, but I understood what was wrong here when this acquaintance told me his source of the information: Reddit.

Just less than a week ago, the lesson I learned from the Gezi Park figure fallacy arose again when news agencies reported that Dianne Reidy, a popular and well-liked floor reporter in the House of Representatives Clerk's Office, got up from her stenograph in the House chamber, walked up to the reading clerk's podium and began a tirade about Christianity, the United States' founding and freemasonry, all during a yeas-and-nays vote on reopening the federal government.

The lesson that I learned in May and

was reminded of last week was one that is best told by those examples: No matter what message you have—regardless of its significance, power, beauty or even hatefulness—it will not be taken seriously if not delivered correctly. As college students, we could not be a better point to consider how vital this is.

This is true for two reasons. First, as I wrote in this column two weeks ago, "During our college years, we are exposed to more varying ideas and worldviews than at any other point in the average lifetime." Many of those come from each other. We are at a point in our lives where we are as on our own as we have ever been, and with that freedom comes expression. Since arriving at Marshall, my views and beliefs on numerous things have changed, mostly because of the people around me.

If those ideas were not delivered effectively, though, I wonder if I would have made such changes. I may not have grasped the real severity of the Gezi Park conflict because I was presented inflated and false information; maybe one would be more moved by the actual deaths of six protestors at the hands of Turkey's long history of police brutality if not for an inaccurate first impression of the situation.

It may be so that Reidy's strong scriptural words against "a house divided" would appeal more to my Christian faith if I could believe they were not the product of a sudden snap; instead, she was embarrassed and dragged out of the chamber she has worked in by the Capitol Police who have been guarding it and have known her for years.

Second, we students of public higher education in West Virginia are in for a mess where communication will be crucial. As I wrote about last week, budget cuts are looming again, and it will take great effort to keep our tuition from leaping greatly over the next few years. I truly believe our legislators and the governor will respond better to a calculated statement by all 100,000 of us than they will to last minute protesting on the memorial plaza against the university administration.

As Adam Fridley, the chief of staff to former Student Body President Ray Harell, said last year and reiterated to me last week, "[Our] fight is in Charleston." I hope you all take this lesson as I have and that we make that fight a good one.

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OBAMA

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Obama was introduced by Janice Baker, the first person to sign up for insurance through the marketplaces in Delaware. Even she had had problems.

“Like many consumers out there, it took me a number of frustrating attempts before I could apply for and select my plan,” she said. “I kept trying because I needed access to the new health care options.”

Over the weekend, the administration updated the website to make it more user-friendly. Instead of the homepage greeting of “apply now,” it gives users links to “apply online” or “apply by phone” at 800-318-2596. Wait times are averaging less than a minute, Obama said, and individuals can fully enroll by phone in about 25 minutes, or families in 45 minutes.

After numerous complaints from users, the homepage now allows users to compare the costs of health plans in their areas without opening individual accounts. The administration was reluctant to allow this when the website launched because the plan prices don’t reflect what people would pay after federal subsidies are included for people with low- and moderate incomes. The page now says, “See plans and prices in your area.”

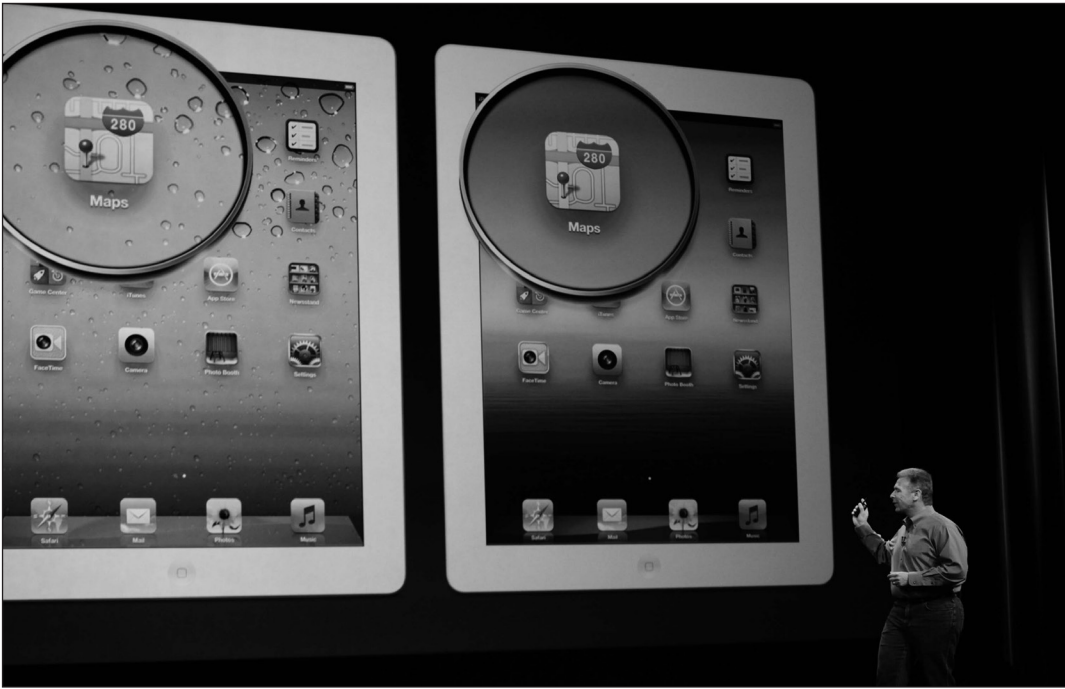
In addition, the new design alerts viewers, “IMPORTANT NOTE: The prices shown on this tool don’t reflect the lower costs you may qualify for based on household size and income.”

Christopher Rasmussen, a policy analyst at the non-profit Center for Democracy and Technology, said allowing people to compare plans without providing personal information should make the site easier to navigate.

“Putting that requirement at the back end relieves that front-door logjam, so I think that’s a good move on their part,” he said.

The House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee had wanted Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to testify Thursday about the rollout, but she declined because she’ll be out of the state. She’s expected to testify next week.

Much depends on Apple’s Tuesday event



GARY REYES | MCT
Apple Senior vice president Phil Schiller during the introduction of the iPad 3 during a special event at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, California, on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. The company is expected to unveil the iPad 5 and the follow-up the the iPad Mini at an event Tuesday.

By PATRICK MAY

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS (MCT)

With just 65 shopping days left until Christmas, Apple is about to give Santa Claus more goodies to stuff into those stockings.

At an event Tuesday in San Francisco, the Cupertino, Calif.-based tech giant is expected to unveil a fifth-generation iPad as well as a follow-up version of the iPad Mini it released a year ago. And while its email invitation cryptically announces, “We still have a lot to cover,” one thing is clear: With its stock price well below its onetime high and its share of the tablet market continuing to shrink, Apple has a lot riding on this launch.

IDC analyst Tom Mainelli thinks an iPad refresh would help Apple as well as the burgeoning pack of rivals chipping away at the iPad’s former dominance.

“A new iPad launch always piques consumer interest in the tablet category, and traditionally that has helped both Apple and its competitors,” he said.

After Apple skipped its traditional iPad upgrade last spring, Mainelli added, “its numbers were down, but almost everyone else’s were down too. So while Apple’s market share may have dropped, they still drive the overall tablet market, and consumers are still paying close attention to what Apple is doing with its products.”

As with past Apple events, the rumor mill has been working

overtime. Most analysts and bloggers expect the new iPad will sport the more powerful 64-bit A7X processor and reveal a slimmer physique than its predecessors. KGI Securities analyst Ming-Chi Kuo says the tablet will be 15 percent thinner than the iPad 4 and feature more rounded edges.

And since Apple has historically offered the same features across different platforms, as evidenced by the personal assistant Siri eventually showing up on both iPhones and iPads, most observers widely believe the second-version iPad Mini will come with the same Retina display that the larger iPad already features.

One big question is whether either of the new devices will feature Touch ID, Apple’s proprietary fingerprint identity sensor featured on the new iPhone 5S unveiled last month. A Chinese blog site leaked photos of a purported fifth-generation iPad with the sensor in place of the traditional home button. And analyst Tim Bjarin with Creative Strategies says improving its tablet’s security makes sense as Apple continues to push its devices into the business world.

“We believe that as an iPad 5 starts showing up in more and more corporate accounts, and as more employees are taking their tablets to work with them, security becomes an ever more important part of the equation,” Bjarin said. “And since Apple owns the Touch ID technology,

they could also introduce it on the iPad Mini.”

Apple’s event comes as the tablet computer plays an increasingly significant role both in the lives of consumers and in the way companies conduct business. From iPad-equipped airline pilots and warehouse managers to schoolteachers and their tablet-toting students, the device has become a handy and even crucial tool for the mobile masses.

IDC reports that tablet shipments in the fourth quarter are expected for the first time to surpass total PC shipments, which include desktop and laptop computers. And it forecasts tablets will do the same on an annual basis by the end of 2015.

So even though Apple’s piece of the global tablet pie may be smaller than it was in 2010 when the first iPad went on sale — a drop from 77 then to 37 percent today — IDC’s Mainelli says that doesn’t necessarily mean Apple’s in trouble.

“When the iPad first launched, nobody was really all that competitive in the tablet market, so since then Apple has only had one direction to go, and that’s down” in terms of market share, he said. “Having said that, Apple doesn’t chase market share at the expense of profitability or a good user experience. So while there are a lot of guys out there making Android tablets, not a lot of them are making any money.”

RALLY

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Branches Domestic Violence Shelter provides emergency shelter for individuals suffering from domestic violence. This non-profit organization works to encourage victims of domestic violence and their families to break the cycle of violence in the Huntington area. All of Branches’ services are free of charge.

Shamblin said00 that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that

this is a time to increase awareness and remind individuals that there are outlets for victims of domestic violence.

“There are people who you can confide in, safe spaces to stay and support all-around,” Shamblin said. “Victims of domestic and sexual violence need to know they have a place to go and people to talk to and that their lives don’t have to be full of fear.”

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SHOOTING

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Hours later the streets were quiet, but there was still a heavy police presence and traffic was limited in front of the school.

Dale Lundin, site facilities coordinator at the middle school, said it was “a very scary morning.”

“It’s that same old story you never really think that it’s going to happen at your place of work, or in this case, your school. When it does happen, it kind of puts you in shock,” he said.

Sparks Middle School caters to seventh- and eighth-graders and students are between 12 and 14 years old.

“We have 20 to 30 student witnesses,” Woyciehowsky said, adding that no other students were believed to be involved in the attack.

On Monday, Michael Landberry’s personal website still featured what he called his one classroom rule:

“You are asking yourself what annoys me, it depends on any given day. Just like you I have good days and bad days. What may bother me one day may not the next. A very good skill to learn is reading people and their moods. One of my goals is to earn your respect while you earn mine. I believe that with mutual respect that the classroom environment will run smoothly.”

GOLF

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later, Lagodich has tied his best in Round 1 and set a new bar in Round 2.

Anania, who’s lowest shooting was a 70 prior to this fall, had a career-best 68 nearly two weeks ago that helped him win his first collegiate tournament at the Bearcat Invitational, and has set a new

high for himself Day 2 of the ODU/OBX Intercollegiate.

Lagodich has the best par 3 scoring (2.70) of the tournament, is tied for the best par 5 scoring (4.25) and for the most birdies (10), thus far.

The team will tee off at 8 a.m. Tuesday to play its final round of 18 holes for the fall.

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Lifting the veil off the true costs of colleges, universities

By RENEE SCHOOF

MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

A new online app called College Abacus is making it easier for students and their families to get estimates in advance of how much financial aid colleges and universities will give so that they can compare schools for costs.

It comes at an opportune time, since the shutdown of many government programs because of the political standoff over the federal budget has disabled College Navigator, a tool also designed to help families figure out college costs and operated by the Department of Education.

Until about two years ago, financial aid was a mystery until a student got a college acceptance letter and a financial aid package. Change began in 2011, when the federal government required schools to offer online net price calculators, which compute a school’s full cost of attendance, minus estimated scholarships, based on family income and other information that individuals enter.

College Abacus is a free, one-stop shop. It taps the net price calculators at three schools a student selects. Then, based on personal information entered once into College Abacus, the site retrieves the estimates. More schools can be entered, three at a time.

The federal government’s College Navigator website offers a rougher estimate.

For each school, it will give estimated net prices for several income levels.

“Even if the government has stopped working, parents still need to find financial aid for their students to go to college,” said College Abacus co-founder Abigail Seldin.

And finding out in advance which schools are likely to be affordable can bring peace to households in the spring, when most full-time students get their college decisions, Seldin said. It also can help reduce student debt.

Referring to a popular travel accommodations search engine, Seldin calls College Abacus the kayak.com of net price calculators. It takes 10 minutes or more to copy financial information from a tax return and answer other questions on many net price calculators. College Abacus lets a user log in via Facebook, Google-plus or Twitter and save the data so that it only has to be done once.

The free service isn’t without some glitches. It requires the patience to wait a few minutes for some estimates. In some cases, as when schools take their calculators down for revisions, College Abacus can’t get results. Seldin said her staff of 10 checks the school websites to make sure they’re working and that it should take no more than one week before the estimate will be produced on another try.

Another issue with the estimates is the quality of the net price calculators.

Many schools use a simple calculator

developed by the Department of Education, rather than ones developed by the College Board and others that ask more detailed financial questions. One important question the Department of Education calculators don’t ask is the amount of parents’ assets. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), a form required of all students who hope to get financial aid, asks about assets, and schools use FAFSA information when they decide on aid amounts.

College Abacus, in the details section of the estimates report, tells users what type of net price calculator a school offers.

The National College Access Network, a nonprofit group that assists schools, mentoring groups and other organizations that help students get into college and do well once there, reviewed College Abacus when it was in a trial period last year and offered suggestions.

College Abacus also won a \$100,000 grant through College Knowledge Challenge, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Carrie Warick, director of policy and partnerships at the college access network, said the tool had two big benefits.

“One is that it’s a big-time saver for students because it means they don’t have to go to every college website and answer the same questions over and over again,” she said. “The other is that many colleges don’t make the net price calculators readily available on their websites.”

HOTDOG WARS

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By **ANDREA STEELE**
THE PARTHENON

Those dining at Hillbilly Hot Dogs Monday were in for a surprise as the restaurant's newest hotdog was unveiled.

The Widow Maker, the winning name from the Hillbilly Hotdogs Facebook contest, was debuted by owners Sonny and Sharie Knight.

The newest hotdog is all-beef, 24-inches long and weighs approximately 4 pounds.

The reason behind such a large hotdog, Sonny Knight said, is that they received a message on their Facebook page saying Alice Cooperstown, a restaurant owned by Alice Cooper in Phoenix, Ariz., now has the biggest hotdog in the United States at 22 inches.

The couple was on their way to California to visit Sharie's mother when they received the message. They then decided to take a detour to Arizona to purchase one of the hotdogs.

"We found the dog, bought it and towed it all the way to California and then back here," Sonny Knight said.

Once they returned to West Virginia they contacted their meat distributor to see if they could create a 24-inch hotdog.

To promote their newest creation, the Knights had a contest on the restaurant's Facebook page for a month to name the hotdog.

"Over 1,000 names have been submitted



Sonny and Sharie Knight reveal The Widow Maker, a 24-inch, 4-pound hotdog, Monday to diners at Hillbilly Hot Dogs.

in the past month," Sonny Knight said. "That went down to the top 20 on Saturday morning and by Sunday we had the top 10."

Sonny said that four people submitted Widow Maker and that each one would receive it for free.

Sonny and Sharie have already gotten in contact with Alice Cooper's people and told them about the creation.

Alice Cooper comes to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Wednesday and the

Knights would like to somehow present their hotdog to him.

"It's been a very interesting go with things," Sharie Knight said. "Especially knowing that they thought they had the biggest [hotdog]. This is our wienie war. We now have the largest wienie in the U.S."

The Widow Maker is an all-beef hotdog and is available now at Hillbilly Hot Dogs.

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TODAY IN THE LIFE!

ABU DHABI OOPS

Rihanna can't stay out of social media trouble. The singer was kicked out of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi over the weekend for posing for racy photos on the holy site. Covered in head-to-toe black, the pop star posted photos to her Instagram site of herself in provocative poses, upsetting the regulations of the mosque's management. Her outfit and poses forced management to ask her to leave "[taking] the status and sanctity of the mosque into consideration," a representative from the mosque said.

BROADENED HORIZONS

CNN hopes to draw a broader viewership with the debut of "Unguarded" with former ESPN correspondent Rachel Nichols. In the attempt to extend the outlet's reach beyond political and general news based content, the half-hour program, set to premiere at 10:30 p.m. Friday with guest LeBron James, features interviews with sports figures and panel discussions with guests from both entertainment and sports. "Unguarded" is CNN's first attempt at the sports genre in more than a decade.



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YEEZUS MEETS JESUS

After a performance by opener Kendrick Lamar, Kanye West took the KeyArena stage in Seattle, Wash. Saturday for the opening night of his "Yeezus" tour. Yeezy marched down the stage's 50-foot extension to the blaring sounds of "On Sight" and surrounded by women cloaked in white dresses, their faces obscured by stockings. West performed the show-opener with arms outstretched, bathed in a single white spotlight. The production stunned more than 15,000 fans with flashing lights, snow flurries, a red-eyed demon and special guest, a Jesus Christ look-a-like.

ITUNES TOP 10 SONGS

1. "Hold Tight" by Justin Bieber
2. "Royals" by Lorde
3. "Roar" by Katy Perry
4. "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus
5. "Wake Me Up" by Avicii
6. "Sweeter Than Fiction (from 'One Chance' Soundtrack)" by Taylor Swift
7. "Hold On, We're Going Home (feat. Majid Jordan)" by Drake
8. "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic
9. "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" by Ylvis
10. "Let Her Go" by Passenger

Katy Perry rides her momentum into new areas

By **MIKAEL WOOD**
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Katy Perry had come to dance.

On a recent afternoon the pop superstar was at a Burbank rehearsal studio, fortifying herself with a salad before diving into four hours of sweaty physical movement — a not-so-dry run for a handful of performances in which she'd be doing more choreography than at any point in her career.

Perry, known for bubbly, fun-loving hits such as "I Kissed a Girl" and "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)," was dressed for a workout: black tights, black sneakers, a ripped-up T-shirt with two cats pictured on it. (Big cat lady, Katy Perry.) Several times she used the sleeve of her gray hoodie as a napkin, another sign that she was here to get down to business. No time for niceties.

As focused as Perry appeared, though, she was squishier regarding her new album. We were talking about what distinguishes "Prism," due Tuesday, from her first two records, and at first she offered only generalities — "It's got some substance to it" — language that seemed to be circling a more straightforward description.

The music, I finally suggested, feels grown-up. "Yes!" she said, not flinching at the term but nodding eagerly. "And I love being mature. I'm ready for my 30s — I hear it's so much better than your 20s."

For normal folks, perhaps, but rarely for pop stars, whose work usually amounts to selling youth to young people. And Perry has sold more youth than most: Five singles from 2010's double-platinum "Teenage Dream" went to No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100, an achievement she shares with only Michael Jackson; "Roar," the lead single from "Prism," reached the top spot quickly last month.

But if Perry is unusually accepting of the g-word, there's good reason for that: The singer, who on Friday will turn 29 — a few years older than A-list peers Rihanna (who's 25) and Taylor Swift (23) — no longer seems like much of a kid.

"Prism," her third studio disc, follows a tumultuous period she referred to as a "real crossroads in my life." In late 2010, just as her career was exploding, Perry married British comedian Russell Brand; 14 months later he filed for divorce. The

experience was reported on extensively by the tabloid press, of course, but it also figured prominently in "Katy Perry: Part of Me," an unexpectedly candid 2012 documentary that included scenes of the star nearly paralyzed by grief.

"I couldn't pretend that I didn't have a failed marriage — it was already out there in the news," she said of the decision to address the topic in the film. "So why not show the reality of what it was?"

That reality and its aftermath are all over "Prism," in moody, midtempo songs such as "Ghost" and "Love Me" — in which she rhymes "lost my own identity" with "forgot you picked me for me" — as well as more robust anthems of self-empowerment like "Roar," with a music video that depicts Perry as a vine-swinging jungle queen singing about having the eye of the tiger.

"Some people are going to see it as a song about cats," the singer said with a laugh. She was curled on a sofa, her hair pulled back in a messy ponytail. "But it's not just a song about cats. It's about finding your inner strength and not turning into a shell of yourself when you're faced with a situation you don't agree with."